

Trampoline Park Safety

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- Purpose
- Regulation – theory and justification
- Trampoline park regulatory framework
- Specific areas requiring control

Purpose for Studying this Issue

- Virtually all recreational activities have some inherent risk
 - Risks can be reduced
 - Adopt standards, guidelines, or best practices
- Most trampoline parks in Utah follow standards
 - Minimizes risks to patrons
 - Has not always been the case
- Public interest that parks implement standards
 - Protect health and safety of patrons
 - Protect the overall reputation and image of good actors in the industry

Regulatory Theory - Goals

- Reduce risks to an acceptable level
- Balance risk reduction vs. cost to do business
- Discouraging bad actors
- Minimize regulatory burden

Proposed Regulatory Framework

- Local governments issue and renew business licenses for parks
- Third-party certificate of compliance with health and safety guidelines (issued by a qualified entity)
- Proof of ability to respond to liability claim

Areas Requiring Control

1. Notification and education of risks
2. Equipment standards
3. Staff training
4. Restricted participant behaviors
5. Separation based on age or size
6. Operational issues
7. Staff supervision and monitoring of activities
8. Tracking of major injuries (protected information)